

SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2011 6:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

The Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Present

Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Mary A. Bartolotta, Gerald E. Daley, Robert P. Santangelo, Philip J. Pessina, Joseph E. Bibisi, Linda Salafia, Todd G. Berch, and Deborah A. Kleckowski, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Sergeant-at-Arms Acting Chief of Police McKenna, and Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.

Absent

Council Members Kasper and Faulkner

Also Present

Public Works Director Bill Russo, Finance Director Carl Erlacher, Central Communications Director Wayne Bartolotta, Director of IT William Oliver, Parking Director Geen Thazhampallath, Human Relations Director Faith Jackson, Planning, Conservation, and Development Director William Warner, Park and Recreation Director Raymond Santostefano, Water and Sewer Director Guy Russo, Fire Chief Gary Ouellette, Acting City Attorney Timothy Lynch, and Acting Chief of Police William McKenna, and 3 members of the public.

Meeting Called to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and leads the public in the pledge of Allegiance.

Call of Meeting Read

The Call of the meeting is read and accepted. The Mayor declares this call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

Workshop Opens

The Chair opens Questions to Directors workshop at 6:04 p.m.

Councilman Bibisi asks for Director Warner. He states he received an e-mail from the President of Wesleyan Hills and he has concerns with the bike path.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Serra Arrives at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Warner responds they received it last week and he responded. They understand it is private and they are not going there; if they get the money they will hire a firm to design the location and put in signs that they are private property. Ultimately once in the design phase, we would have a workshop with Wesleyan Hills. They have a big parking area and we can ask if the City use it if we maintain it. They wanted it removed from the map as the trail and I agreed with her.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Klattenberg arrives at 6:07 p.m.

The Chair asks for other questions to this director; there are none.

Councilman Santangelo asks to address questions to Acting Police Chief McKenna. He asks on the agenda; we had a conversation on the request for \$4,000. We had a conversation and would like you to explain why it is here. Acting Chief McKenna states he saw the resolution on Middnight on Main and the City will put up \$10,0000 and we co-sponsor the event and when he saw that and looked at his budget and for what it is going to cost us, \$4,500, he thought it would be an appropriation; however, he asked for a transfer so he would have it in the special events line. Instead of the appropriation, he asked for and received a transfer of the funds. He will do that.

The Chair asks if there any questions for this director. He thanks Chief McKenna.

Councilman Serra asks for Gene Thazhampallath, Parking Services Director. He asks for an explanation of the movement of the monies. Mr. Thazhampallath states it is to establish lines for the special parking fund that has been set aside by Ordinance. This fell through the cracks with the changes in the department. Finance brought it to his attention to establish some lines and he reads the lines he will be forming. We are in need of a vehicle; the van is on its last legs. They have allocated \$85,000; they are expecting revenues of above what they budgeted and based on the formula

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in the ordinance, it created a parking fund and \$425,000 will stay in the general fund and \$125,000 will be in the Parking Fund. The next budget, cycle he hopes to cover some operating lines. He will repay Public Works for work they have performed for them.

The Chair asks if there are other questions for this director.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Pessina takes his seat at 6:12 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Daley moves to adjourn and his motion is seconded by Councilman Klattenberg. The vote is unanimous to adjourn and the meeting is declared adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O NORWOOD Common Council Clerk